

## Claims

1. (original) A handheld power saw, having a coupling means (10) for retaining and driving a saw blade (12), and having a guide assembly (14) for guiding an oscillating motion (16) of the saw blade (12), characterized in that the guide assembly (14) includes at least one lateral bracing means (18, 18') for shielding the coupling means (10) from shear forces acting on the saw blade (12).
2. (original) The handheld power saw as defined by claim 1, characterized in that the bracing means (18, 18') is intended for bracing on both sides against shear forces on the saw blade (12).
3. (currently amended) The handheld power saw as defined by ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the bracing means (18, 18') is embodied as a slide bearing.
4. (currently amended) The handheld power saw as defined by ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the coupling means (10) is embodied as a detent coupling.
5. (currently amended) The handheld power saw as defined by ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the bracing means (18, 18') forms a two-dimensional contact face (46).
6. (original) The handheld power saw as defined by claim 5, characterized in that the contact face (46) has a length (48) of at least 2 cm in a longitudinal direction (26) of the saw blade (12).
7. (original) A handheld power saw, having a housing (20b), having a contact element (22b) for bracing the housing (20b) on a workpiece, and having a saw

blade (12b), movable in oscillating fashion in a first direction (26b), with at least one cutting edge (30b) pointing in a working direction (28b), characterized in that the contact element (22b) is supported displaceably relative to the housing (20b).

8. (original) The handheld power saw as defined by claim 7, characterized in that the contact element (22b) is displaceable, with a front edge (32b) pointing in the working direction (28b), at least as far as a height of the cutting edge (30b).

9. (currently amended) The handheld power saw as defined by ~~at least~~ claim 7, characterized in that the contact element (22b) has a recess (34b) that is open in the working direction (28b).

10. (currently amended) The handheld power saw as defined by ~~at least~~ claim 7, characterized by a spring element (36b) for restoring the contact element (22b) to a position of repose.

11. (currently amended) The handheld power saw as defined by ~~at least~~ claim 7, characterized by a detent element (24b) for locking the contact element (22b) in a detent position.

12. (original) A saw blade (12) for a handheld power saw, having an oscillatory drive mechanism (38), and having a retention region (40) which is intended for connection with a coupling means (10) of the handheld power saw, characterized by a guide region (42) for contact of a lateral bracing means (18, 18') of the handheld power saw.

13. (original) The saw blade (12) as defined by claim 12, characterized in that the guide region (42) has a greater thickness of material than a work region (44) with a cutting edge (30).

14. (original) The saw blade (12) as defined by claim 12, characterized in that

the guide region (42) and the work region (44) are joined by a laser welding process.